

**REMARKS**

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner, Applicant elected to further prosecute claims 1-7 and to withdraw claim 8 without traverse. Applicant hereby elects to cancel claims 1-2 to allow the issuance of claims 3-7.

Claims 1 and 2 are hereby cancelled to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (703) 684-1111 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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Respectfully submitted,

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